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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francesc SANTANACH et al.
Title: FIXING DEVICE FOR AN EXPANSION VALVE OF A MOTOR
VEHICLE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

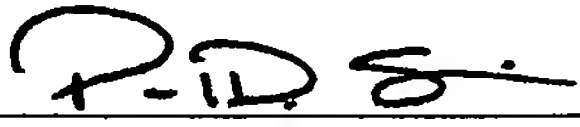
In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Species 1 shown in Figures 1 and 2 for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 3 and 4 read on the elected species. The office action states that claims 1, 2 and 9-13 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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